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In re: Slemmons, et al.
Appl. No.: To Be Assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
For: MICROBEAM ASSEMBLY FOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT INTERCONNECTION TO SUBSTRATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to examination as follows:

In the Title:

Please rewrite the title as follows:

MICROBEAM ASSEMBLY FOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT INTERCONNECTION TO SUBSTRATES

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, between the title and "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/383,720, filed August 26, 1999, which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference.

In the Claims:

Please cancel original Claims 1-24.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to insert a cross-reference to the parent application and to cancel the claims that were examined and have now been allowed in the parent application. In addition, the title is amended to be consistent with the claims that remain following the cancellation of Claims 1-24. As such, entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees and prior to the examination is requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

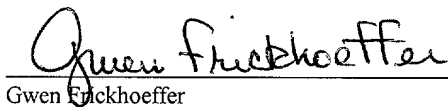


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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made:

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